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SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay. Please listen carefully to see if your vote has been recorded correctly.

CLERK: (Read verification of vote.) 27 ayes, 19 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The bill advances. We go over to resolutions, #9, LR 337. The Call is raised. Would you like to read some things in, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have some study resolutions, LR 370 by...excuse me, this isn't a study resolution. This is by Senator Howard Peterson, Senator Jacobson, and Senator Rupp. (Read title to LR 370. See page 2034 of the Legislative Journal.) (Read LR 371-376 by title for the first time as found on pages 2034-2038 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER OL: LR 337.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 337 (read). The resolution was introduced yesterday, Mr. President. I have pending a motion from Senator DeCamp. That motion is found on page 1979 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, this is a motion to suspend the rules and then vote on this resolution. The resolution is relatively simple. It is probably the one and only major property tax thing, if we are doing to do it, that I guess we will do. It would do two things. It would first of all allow agricultural land to be valued separately and require that it be valued according to its productivity. This is the result of the Holiday Inn decision. Of course, agricultural land has been valued that way for many years quite illegally, I might add, and against the Constitution. So this would make the Constitution conform to the practice which probably is reasonable. The other half of the proposal would mandate that property taxes could not go above one and a half percent of actual value on property. Now contrary to what some people have alleged, this